



Chancellor Ismar Schorsch's Statement Regarding Landmark Gift to the University of Judaism

Wish to congratulate the University of Judaism on this unprecedented gift of \$22 million. This gift marks yet another significant moment in the response of the North American Jewish community to the continuity crisis. Jewish institutions of higher learning have broken the glass ceiling and are beginning to receive support from Jewish philanthropists at levels previously reserved for the glamorous institutions of the public domain."

"I take particular pride in the fact that the first two gifts of this magnitude have come to the Jewish Theological Seminary for the William

vidson Graduate School of Jewish Education to the University of Judaism for the Ruth and Allen Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, testifying to the undiminished appreciation of American Jews for the vitality of Conservative Judaism. The centrality of the institutions which train the professional leadership for our community has also been underscored by these gifts. Our challenge is to use these gifts in the way that will give the greatest benefit to the Jewish community of North America."

"The opening of a second rabbinical school within the Conservative movement presents both a challenge and an opportunity. Maintaining the unity of the movement which represents the largest number of affiliated Jews in North America is what the hour demands. Our unity has been founded upon our loyalty to the texts of Judaism and to the living Judaism which flows from them. I call upon the leadership of the University of Judaism to join with the Seminary to work together to maintain the standards of academic and professional excellence which have been the hallmark of our rabbinate and to avoid the regionalism which might attend the creation of a school on the opposite coast. The unity of the movement can be preserved only by working cooperatively within a common framework."

Search for Holocaust Survivors! Your Assistance is Requested!

Germany recently passed new legislation to help Holocaust survivors. The new law expands social pension benefits to those who (continued on page 3)

The Men's Club Project Ezra Hanukkah Luncheon and Party Sunday, December 17

For the 21st consecutive year, the Men's Club of the Park Avenue Synagogue will sponsor a Hanukkah luncheon and party for Project Ezra's elderly Jewish men and women. This event will take place on Sunday, December 17 from 11:30 A.M. to 3 P.M.

As it does every year, the Men's Club will bring these senior citizens to the Park Avenue Synagogue by bus for lunch, singing and entertainment. Men's Club members, along with students in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School, will participate in a celebration of Hanukkah that bridges the generations and makes this annual event an especially meaningful and joyous mitzvah.

If you are a Men's Club member, plan to participate in this heartwarmingly wonderful party. It will do your heart much good!

Hanukkah Party Time With Sisterhood Wednesday, December 13

At 1 P.M. on Wednesday, December 13, Sisterhood is giving a Hanukkah party! Just fun and games! Bring your favorite board game, be it scrabble, monopoly, rummy-Q, mah-jongg, etc., or if your relaxation is cards, bring what you need to play your game. Also, come for delicious desserts and, of course, your choice of beverages.

There will be large tables for those who want to linger over lunch, munch, socialize, and perhaps walk around and observe how to play some of the games.

All of this will be provided for the small entrance fee of \$5 to defray expenses. So join us, pay at the door, and get your ticket to a fun-filled afternoon! Perhaps you'll even win the raffle.

Plan to come and have fun with your fellow Sisterhood members!

WINTER IS ALMOST HERE.

The Daily Minyanim

Need Your Support!

Tradition and Innovation: How Women and Women's Experience is Enriching Judaism

Women's Evening Group members are invited to explore the rich legacies and fresh insights of Jewish women's history, music and celebration at 7:30 P.M. on the second night of Hanukkah, Monday evening, December 18.

This interesting program will be led by Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, Ph.D., who has been writing and teaching about Jewish women for nearly 20 years. Our own cantor, Judith Naimark, will also participate with us.

Rabbi Elwell is a nationally-known scholar and speaker on women in Judaism and new approaches to Jewish spirituality, healing and life cycle rituals. She currently is the rabbinic director of Ma'yan, the Jewish Women's Project of the Jewish Community Center on the Upper West Side, and, in addition to other achievements, was the founding director of the American Jewish Congress's Feminist Center in Los Angeles. She currently serves on the Executive Board of ALEPH: the Alliance for Jewish Renewal; the Women's Task Force of the Jewish Publication Society; and the Bi-National Advisory Committee of the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence. Among other works, she is the author of The Jewish Women's Studies Guide.

Plan on joining WEG for what promises to be an exciting and informative evening for members only! If you have not yet become a member of the group, do so now or come on December 18 and join then! Watch your mail for the announcement of where this event will be held.

SAVE THE DATE!

SHABBAT FEBRUARY 10, 1996

Kiddush in honor of Varda Hubara's 25th Anniversary with our religious school F R O M T H E

Rabbi's Desk

One of the most interesting aspects of my recent visit to Lithuania was a visit to the ancient Karaite community in Trakai.

The Karaites are the "fundamentalist" sect founded by Anan ben David in the eighth century which accepts only the Bible and not the Talmud. How this group came to be in Trakai is rather interesting.

The Lithuanian Grand Duke Vyautas, whose realm stretched from the Baltic to the Black Sea in the late fourteenth and fifteenth century, hired 300 members of a Turkic tribe living in the Crimea, who happened to be from this sect, as his personal bodyguards and brought them to his northern capital. He later encouraged others to move to Lithuania with their families. Today there are about 200 in Trakai, with some in Vilnius nearby, and a few in Ponivesh.

How they survived the Holocaust is complicated, but basically, they described themselves as ethnic Turks and were not betrayed either by their Lithuanian neighbors, who may not have known their "Jewish" connection, or by a German officer, who discovered their roots, but kept silent.

Through the good offices of my guide, I managed to meet with the head of the community and to get into their "Knessa" or synagogue to interview him and look at their prayer books which are written in a Crimean Tatar dialect in Latin letters. It seems they have lost all knowledge of Hebrew.

I was told that a Finnish professor had undertaken some research into this group and I recently received a number of papers from him which were published in various academic journals. He informs me that further research is being under-

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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Friday evening, December 1	6:15 P.M.
VAV GRADE KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER	
Saturday morning, December 2	
Hashkama Service	7:30 A.M.
Havurah Service	9:15 A.M.
Tot Shabbat	11:15 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Adam Messinger	
son of Jeffrey and Lisa Messinger	
Friday evening, December 8	6:15 P.M.
Park Avenue Synagogue Singles Service & Oneg Shabbat	8:15 P.M.
Saturday morning, December 9	
Hashkama Service	
Bat Mitzvah of Randee Weitzman	
daughter of Howard and Marilyn Weitzman	
Bat Mitzvah of Rosie Kay	
daughter of Ira and Yvette Kay	
Friday evening, December 15	6:15 P.M
CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT HANUKKAH DINNER	
(By Advance Reservation Only)	
Saturday morning, December 16	0:15 A M
Hashkama Service	
Havurah Service	9.15 A.W.
Bat Mitzvah of Leslie Kaufmann	
daughter of Ronald and Susan Kaufmann	0.45.0.44
Friday evening, December 22	
Saturday morning, December 23	
Hashkama Service	7:30 A.M.
Bat Mitzvah of Elizabeth Zelma	
daughter of George and Pearl Zelma	
Friday evening, December 29	9:15 A.M.
Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Elana Zaiman will preach and conduct the services to David Lefkowitz and Cantor Judith Naimark and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robins	-
Babysitting for children 2 to 5 years of age is available every Saturday morning from 9:1	15 A.M. to 12 Noon.

taken, and he feels that there is something of a revival taking place.

One cannot really believe that there is much of a future for the Lithuanian Karaites. The lay leader, Mr. Firkovitz, told me that they do not accept converts. It does seem, however, that they have been in touch with the Egyptian Karaites who now live mostly in Israel, with some in California, Chicago and Rochester, N.Y., and this may strengthen them somewhat.

This exotic part of our People has always fascinated me. Some years ago, I published some translations of their ancient writings and wrote a responsum on their legal standing in our communities for the Rabbinical Assembly Law Committee.

- Rabbi David H. Lincoln

Lunch & Learn Sessions Thursdays at 12 Noon

Join members of our clergy for lunch and learn sessions on Thursdays from 12 Noon to 1 P.M. on the following dates during the month of December. Also, bring your lunch (dairy or kosher, of course) and be prepared for some mental exercise. Coffee and tea will be provided.

- December 7 Cantor Judith Naimark
- December 14 Rabbi David H. Lincoln will discuss "What's New in the Jewish World?"
- December 21 Rabbi Elana Zaiman will talk on a selected topic.

Lunch and Learn Sessions will continue in January, 1996. Please refer to the Shabbat Shalom Bulletin for details.

CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT HANUKKAH DINNER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1995 7:00 P.M.

following the Friday Evening Service at 6:15 P.M.

(under the auspices of the Shabbat Dinner Committee)

\$25 per person \$10 each for children under 8 years of age Please call the synagogue office (369-2600) to make your reservation.

Search For Holocaust Survivors

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Ither had to stop working as a result of the outbreak of the war or who suffered at the hands of the Nazis. The law increases German pensions based on the following criteria: Those people who now receive a German pension but who have not fully utilized their rights as survivors of the Nazis can improve their position and receive a larger pension or in some cases a lump sum of money. Those who never applied for or received social pensions from Germany are now also fully eligible.

Eligibility is determined by the following:

- Those survivors whose families spoke German and were considered part of the German culture.
- Those survivors who worked in Eastern Europe and were at least 16 years old prior to the outbreak of World War II.
- Those survivors who stayed in camps of UNRA or the JOINT after the war.

This offer of expanded social pension benefits has a registration time limit set by the Bonn Government.

Qualified people will come to the U.S. to help those eligible to file their claims with the German government. All counselling and registration services will be free of charge.

Those eligible should request a questionnaire by ail from: POB 37154 Tel Aviv, Israel or Yaffa Jolan Ltd., German Pension Department, 4 Negev Street, 2nd Floor, Tel Aviv, Israel. Or call: 001-972-3-370975 or fax: 001-972-3-381443 for the questionnaire and further information.

If you know of anyone who may be eligible, please tell them about this offer and encourage them to obtain the needed questionnaire and information.

A Note of Thanks to the Parents' Association and Sukkah Builders!

The Officers, Trustees and members of the Park Avenue Synagogue express their thanks and appreciation to the Parents' Association for its financing of and purchasing the materials for the building of the sukkah again this year. Special thanks once again to Judy Katz, for her design guidance, and to her committee who decorated the Ritter Sukkah and the Main Sanctuary so beautifully once again! Also, thanks to Gail Gerard and Ellen Trokel, in particular, for the tremendous amount of work they did for this undertaking!

Thank you, individually, to: Gabrielle Balaban; Amy, Ellie, Ted and Will Bressman; Linda and Max Bledstein; Ali Coplan; Daniel Friedman; cky General; Lynn Javitz; Serge Jones; Jeremy Aarmel; Jenna and Johnny Kruger; Josh and Katie Liebman; Micki Pollack; Melissa, Stephen and Shereen Rutman; Carolyn, Julie and Rick Ruvkun; Lite Sabin; Ethan, Michelle and Natalie Stein; Merle and Rebecca Wolff.

Notes From the Edmond de Rothschild Library

Jewish Book Month is being observed from November 18 through December 18. Please come to your synagogue library to browse or borrow a book or two from its extensive updated collection, both for adults and children.

The library will have a large Hanukkah book exhibit, all of which will be available for circulation on the first day of Hanukkah which falls on December 18.

New Adult Books:

Abraham: The Romance Reader

Agnon: A Book That Was Lost and Other Stories

Almagor: *Under the Domin Tree*

Boraks-Nemetz: The Old Brown Suitcase

Cantor: Jewish Women-Jewish Men Chanes: Anti-Semitism in America Today Cohn: The Jews in German 1945-1993

Eisenberg: Boychiks in the Hood-Travels in the

Hasidic Underground

Erlich: Ancient Zionism
Ezekiel: The Rascist Mind

Fisher: After the Wall

Goodman: Jews in the Japanese Mind

Klein: How to Forgive When You Can't Forget

Netanyahu: The Origins of the Inquisition

Peres: Battling for Peace

Raczynow: Writing the Book of Esther

Salkin: Being G-d's Partner

Stern, ed.: Speaking Out-Jewish Voices From United Germany

New Juvenile Books:

Cohen: David

MacGill-Callahan: When Solomon Was King

The library will be closed the following dates in December: Sunday, December 24 through Sunday, January 7, 1996. It will reopen on Monday, January 8, 1996.

- Susan Vogelstein, Librarian

Judaica Classics Gallery

Judaica Classics Gallery, Park Avenue Synagogue's exciting gift shop, is once again featuring a fabulous and unique collection of menorahs for the upcoming festival of Hanukkah. Many of the menorahs are one-of-akind signed works of art, while others are whimsical, musical and well-suited for young children. They come in sterling silver, silver plate, brass, ceramic, lucite and other materials that artists can use creatively. These menorahs are priced to suit any and every budget.

And especially for Hanukkah, the gallery also will feature a complete line of games and toys, books for children of all ages, dreidels made of sterling silver, wood, ceramic and glass, and unique Hanukkah candles.

Please stop in to say hello and to see what the gallery has to offer. Doina and Susan look forward to seeing you and to serving your Judaic and gift-giving needs.

December Happenings in the Mazer School of Religious Studies

The following events will take place in the elementary school during the month of December:

- On Friday, December 1 the Vav grade will conduct the Friday Evening Service in the Main Sanctuary, after which the students and their families will enjoy a traditional Shabbat dinner.
- On Saturday, December 2 the Gimel grade will have a parent/student "Together" program at which they will engage in study and prayer.
- On Sunday, December 3 the Prozdor and Alef classes will hold a parent/student "Art Together" program with Benny Ferdman, the art teacher, in Room 404. The Prozdor grade will meet from 1:30 to 3 P.M., while the Alef grade will meet from 3:30 to 5 P.M.
- On Saturday, December 9 There will be a family Service in the Hall of Worship from 9:45 to 11 A.M. which will be led by Rabbi Elana Zaiman. All parents are invited to join with their children.
- •On Sunday, December 17 The Ninth Annual Zimria will take place in the Main Sanctuary from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. All students in the school will participate in the programs. Parents, siblings and grandparents are all invited to participate. Latkes, compliments of the Parents' Association, will be served after the program.

Events in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

The following two events will take place in the high school during the month of December:

- On Wednesday, December 20 the high school will have a Hanukkah celebration with the lighting of Hanukkah candles and the eating of latkes.
- •On Sunday, December 17 The high school students will help host the Men's Club Annual Project Ezra Hanukkah Luncheon and Party for the Lower East Side's elderly Jewish men and women.

WEG Theater Party Thursday, January 11 "Hello, Dolly!"

Join the Women's Evening Group's theater party on Thursday evening, January 11 when its members and friends will join together to see the revival of the Broadway hit "Hello, Dolly!" with Carol Channing (instead of "Buskers" which has been cancelled). \$75 per ticket.

To make your reservation for this theater party or to obtain information about future ones, please call Sandy Merrill at 472-0386.

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The Officers and Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue thank their fellow congregants for their generous response to the Kol Nidre Appeal. Thank you:

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here will appear in the next or subse-

quent issues.)

Melamed Club Hanukkah Happening Wednesday, December 13 7:15 P.M.

Join the Melamed Club, the social group for Jewish singles 25 to 39 years of age, at 7:15 P.M. on Wednesday evening, December 13 for its celebration of Hanukkah. A light supper of Middle Eastern food and music, wine, dessert and coffee will aid this Hanukkah Happening.

Please call the synagogue office to make your reservation for this event. The cost is \$20 per person.

New Program For Masorti

The Foundation for Conservative/Masorti Judaism in Israel and State of Israel Bonds have announced a new program to encourage contributions to Masorti through Israel Bonds.

The Conservative/Masorti Movement offers traditional Judaism to Israelis and is dedicated to building a spiritual and ethical foundation for Israeli society. It is the umbrella organization for 44 synagogue/centers. Among its many programs are the NOAM youth program, the absorption of Russian and Ethiopian immigrants, day care and afternoon enrichment activities, the Ramah/NOAM Summer Camp, and the Rabbi Simon and Betty Greenberg Education Center at Kibbutz Hanaton.

The organizations encourage supporters to purchase Israel bonds and contribute them to Masorti.

Additionally, cash donations can be made with the understanding that proceeds will be aggregated and utilized by Masorti to purchase Israel bonds, thereby supporting both Israel and Masorti.

For additional information, contact the Foundation for Conservative Judaism at (301) 779-6400 or State of Israel Bonds at (212) 644-2663.

The Stephanie Lynn Kossoff College Fund

The Stephanie Lynn Kossoff College Fund was established by Mr. and Mrs. Burton Kossoff in memory of their daughter Stephanie Lynn. Contributions to this fund help to support the Student Liaison Committee which establishes and maintains contact with young Jewish adults on college campuses by sending them Hanukkah, Purim and other holiday gift packages, all of which they love! In this way, the Student Liaison Committee helps to maintain a relationship between the Jewish community and its traditions and college and graduate students away from heir families and the Jewish community.

Your contributions to this fund, particularly for Hanukkah, will remind Jewish students that they are remembered by the Jewish community and will help to sustain our link with this generation.

Celebrating Hanukkah

When?

Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days beginning on the 25th day of Kislev which corresponds to the evening of Sunday, December 17th through sundown, Monday, December 25th this year.

Why

Lights are kindled in the menorah, or Hanukkiah, on each of the eight nights of Hanukkah to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Jews over the Syrian Greeks in the Second Century, B.C.E. A small cruse of oil found when the Temple was rededicated surprisingly lasted for eight days instead of the expected one day, making it possible for the Jews to purify more oil for the lamp in that period of time.

The rabbis tell us that just as a small amount of oil casts a great deal of light, so did a few Jews stand against the many and the mighty in order to preserve their faith.

How

A menorah has places for eight lights and one more light, the ninth, called the shamash. Generally, wax candles are used, although some menorahs are made to be used with oil and a wick.

On the first evening, the first candle is placed on the RIGHT side of the menorah. Then, on each succeeding night, a candle is added to the LEFT. The shamash is lit first and the following blessings are said:

> Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh Haolam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvoatav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You, Lord Our God, King of the Universe, who has made us holy through His commandments and who has commanded us to kindle the Hanukkah light.

Then:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh

Haolam, she-asah nisim la-avotainu bayamin hamen baz-man hezeh.

Praised are You, Lord Our God, King of the Universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days, at this time

On the first night only, the Sheheheyanu is added:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh Haolam, sheheheyanu v'kee-y'manu v'hee-gee-anu lazman hezeh.

Praised are You, Lord Our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.

Then the shamash is used to kindle that evening's lights. The kindling always starts on the LEFT with the candle which has been added for the new day and continues by moving to the RIGHT.

On Friday night, the Shabbat candles are lit after the Hanukkah lights are lit.

Special attention should be given to children's involvement in kindling the lights. In many families more than one menorah is lit, with the children lighting their own.

Customs?

After lighting Hanukkah candles or lights, it is customary to sing Hanukkah songs and to eat potato latkes (pancakes) with either applesauce or sour cream. In Israel, fried donuts instead of latkes are eaten.

In the United States, it has become customary for children to receive Hanukkah *gelt* (money), Hanukkah chocolate candies, and to play with dreidels. Also, family members tend to exchange Hanukkah gifts in a "Jewish way" of expressing their love for one another.

Hanukkah is also a perfect time and excuse for having Hanukkah parties - a way of celebrating this victorious aspect of our Jewish history.

A Reminder!

McCabe Wines & Spirits at 1347 Third Avenue and 77th Street, the source for WEG's Annual Passover Wine Sale, has agreed to give all Park Avenue Synagogue members a 10% discount on all kosher wines at any time! All you need to do is to mention that you are a member of Park Avenue Synagogue.

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- Mr. Alan Fuirst, upon the death of his mother, Pauline Fuirst.
- Mr. William Fuirst, upon the death of his wife, Pauline Fuirst.
- Mrs. Marian Levitt, upon the death of her mother, Mildred Pascal.
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The family of the late Shevie Spero.

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	7 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew 7:30 P.M. WEG Board Meeting	8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 12 Noon Sisterhood Board Meeting 1 P.M. Retirees Group 6:45 P.M. Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class	7 P.M. Sherr Institute Course: Why Be Jewish? With Rabbi Zaiman	12 Noon Lunch & Learn Session	6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service 8:15 P.M. PAS Singles Service & Oneg Shabbat Light Candles 4:09 P.M.	7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Randee Weitzman Bat Mitzvah of Rosie Kay 4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
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